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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

German reference 197 32 167 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,082,101, a copy of which is also enclosed.

German reference 195 27 774 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,595,061, a copy of which is also enclosed.

German reference 424 339 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,341,642, a copy of which is also enclosed.

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German reference 196 46 008 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,845,489, a copy of which is also enclosed.

The present invention defines a specific method for detecting the state of a catalyst system which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

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